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MEETINGS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1892.

A stated meeting of the Society was held January 11, 1892, Vice-President Charles J. Stillé, LL.D., in the chair.

Mr. William S. Baker was introduced and read a paper on "Washington's Encampment at the Falls of Schuylkill in 1777," at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks was tendered.

Librarian Frederick D. Stone read extracts from the unpublished letters of Sir Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain, regarding the treason of Arnold.

The following presentations were made: By the children of the late Edmund Claxton, autograph letter, General Washington, 1796; and from children of the late Strickland Kneass, a painting of Christ Church on Second Street, painted in 1818 by William Strickland.

A special meeting was held February 23, Vice-President Charles J. Stillé presiding.

Professor Gregory B. Keen, Corresponding Secretary of the Society, delivered the first of the series of lectures on the different historical epochs in the Provincial history of Pennsylvania, entitled "The Swedish and Dutch Settlements on the Delaware."

A special meeting was held February 29, Vice-President Charles J. Stillé in the chair.

Librarian Frederick D. Stone delivered the second of the series of historical lectures, his subject being, "William Penn and his Holy Experiment, or the Settlement of Pennsylvania."

Mr. William S. Baker, on behalf of Mr. Charles S. Odgen, presented to the Society the first portrait in oil of Washington, painted by Charles Willson Peale at Mount Vernon in 1772; it being the original study for the "Arlington picture;" also a portrait of Bill Lee, Washington's favorite military servant during the Revolution, by the same artist. A vote of thanks was tendered to the donor.

A special meeting was held March 7, Vice-President Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker presiding.

Charles J. Stillé, LL.D., a Vice-President of the Society, delivered the third of the series of historical lectures, his subject being, "The Proprietary Government under Penn's Successors."

A stated meeting of the Society was held March 14, Mr. Charles Roberts in the chair.

Mr. John W. Jordan read a paper, entitled "Jacob Hiltzheimer and his Diary," describing life in Philadelphia, 1768–1798.

William Brooke Rawle, Esq., read a paper, entitled "A Loyalist's Account of Certain Occurrences in Philadelphia, upon the Occasion of the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown."

Nominations for officers of the Society to be voted for at the next stated meeting being in order, Mr. Crawford Arnold nominated the following:

President.
Brinton Coxe.

Vice-Presidents (to serve for three years).
George de B. Keim, Horatio Gates Jones.

Corresponding Secretary.
Gregory B. Keen.

Recording Secretary.
William Brooke Rawle.

Treasurer.
J. Edward Carpenter.

Members of Council (to serve four years).
William G. Thomas, John C. Browne,
Oswald Seidensticker.

Trustees of the Publication and Binding Funds (to serve six years).
Brinton Coxe.

No other nominations being made, the chairman appointed tellers to conduct the election on May 2.

The Librarian announced that Mr. Henry Pemberton had presented to the Society an exceedingly interesting collection of family manuscripts, consisting of the Pemberton, Clifford, Rawle, and Shoemaker papers; also that Mr. Charles P. Hayes, on behalf of the surviving members of the Club of United Bowmen, had presented the banner of that society. Mr. Stone also reported that a portrait of Judge John Joseph Henry from Mrs. Aubrey H. Smith, and one of Baron de Kalb, from Mrs. Thomas Balch, had been received.

The thanks of the Society were tendered to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Balch, Mr. Pemberton, and Mr. Hayes, for their respective gifts.

A special meeting was held March 21, Vice-President Charles J. Stillé in the chair.

Mr. Howard M. Jenkins delivered a lecture on "Pennsylvania during the French and Indian Wars," it being the fourth of the series of historical lectures.

A special meeting was held April 4, Vice-President Charles J. Stillé in the chair.

Professor John Bach McMaster delivered the fifth of the course of historical lectures, his subject being, "The Rise of the Revolution in Pennsylvania."

A special meeting was held April 18, Vice-President Charles J. Stillé in the chair.

The Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker delivered the sixth of the series of historical lectures, "The German Element in Pennsylvania."

The annual meeting of the Society was held May 2, Vice-President the Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker presiding.

J. Houston Merrill, Esq., delivered the sixth lecture of the course upon epochs of Provincial history of Pennsylvania, his subject being "The Scotch-Irish Element."

The annual report of the Council for the past year was read by its Secretary, Professor Gregory B. Keen.

The tellers appointed to conduct the annual election reported that the gentlemen nominated at the last stated meeting had been unanimously elected.

A stated meeting was held November 14, 1892, Vice-President Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker presiding.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Francis Howard Williams, who read a paper on the "Pennsylvania Poets of the Provincial Period."

On motion of Crawford Arnold, Esq., a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Williams.

The Recording Secretary announced the death of Brinton Coxe, Esq., President of the Society, and read the minute adopted by the Council.

On motion of Charlemagne Tower, Esq., the report of the Council with regard to the vacancy in the office of President was approved, and he nominated Charles J. Stillé, LL.D., President for the unexpired term of Brinton Coxe, Esq., deceased. Dr. Stillé was thereupon unanimously elected.

Hampton L. Carson, Esq., nominated Mr. William S. Baker for Vice-

President for the unexpired term of Dr. Stillé, who was unanimously elected.

Librarian Frederick D. Stone announced the presentation by the late Brinton Coxe, Esq., of two manuscript volumes, containing signatures of citizens of Philadelphia who took the oath of allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania between 1778 and 1785; also a collection of papers from the descendants of John Hughes, the Stamp Master, including letters of Franklin, Wayne, and others.